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1. Between 8 and 12 April 1952, [redacted] ascertained that the sales program for trade controlled by the economic administration headed by one Lieutenant Colonel Toshchev (fnu), for the second quarter of 1952 was increased above the level of the sales program for the first quarter of 1952 as specified below: Central Univermag by 600,000 eastmarks to 6,600,000 eastmarks; Soviet department stores by 550,000 eastmarks to 1,550,000 eastmarks; commissary installations (HO) by 200,000 eastmarks to 2,400,000 eastmarks; Department II at Frankfurt/Oder by 200,000 eastmarks to 2,700,000 eastmarks; Department III at Hedlitz by 100,000 eastmarks to 800,000 eastmarks; and Department VII at Hedlitz by 200,000 eastmarks to 1,000,000 eastmarks. The remainder, which was allocated to Potsdam, was set at 600,000 eastmarks. *
2. As the work to be done exceeds the capacity of the tailor's shop of the Prom Combine, another tailor's shop is being established on Labellsberg Square. The Prom Combine controls all handicraft shops working for the Soviet occupation forces such as tailor's, shoemaker's and watchmaker shops as well as laundries and photo studios. **

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Toshchev (fnu) is known to be the deputy head of the trade department of the GOFG in Potsdam. As the annual appropriations of the Soviet trade department are unknown, parallels cannot be drawn nor can an analysis be made.

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. This is the first report to mention the uniting of handicraft shops in a so-called Prom Combine.

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